IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Harder et al. Examiner: Suba Ganesan

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 July 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - none.

 $REMARKS/ARGUMENTS-begin\ on\ page\ 4.$